

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 348 (paragraph [0061] in the published application), with the following amended paragraph:

This partition formed of the guide elements 91, 92, 93 covers a large part of the reactor cross-sectional area, leaving free an annular area between its outer edge and the reactor wall. Part of the flow along the carrier elements is branched off at the outer edge of the partition 91, 92, 93 and withdrawn from the upper portion above partition 91, 92, 93 and below guide elements 94 by way of a waste water withdrawal means 100, 101 and is recirculated again to the reactor via a recirculation system 130 comprising a pump 134.